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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/790,245	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HELD ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 16 April 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 5.

Identification of prior art discussed: Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent 4,941,319).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It has been agreed that Yamamoto et al. do not selectively increase or decrease exhaust sound over all ranges of engine running states. However, further search and consideration will be required before a determination of allowability of the claims having such features.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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